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Applicant's Statements:

1. This is a first submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

- 2. This is express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- 3. A copy of the International Application as filed has been transmitted by the International Bureau.

Enclosed herewith please find the following:

- 1. 1 sheet of Title page and 15 sheets of English translation of PCT Application including 10 sheets of Specification, and 4 sheets of original Claims and 1 sheet of Abstract.
- 2. 11 sheets of Drawings.
- 3. 17 sheets of Substitute Specification.
- 4. 21 sheets of Marked Up Compare of Substitute Specification.
- 5. 29 sheets of PCT Published Application No. WO 2005/060807 A1.
- 6. 4 sheets of PCT Request (PCT/RO/101).
- 7. 4 sheets of English translation of Amended Claims.
- 8. 3 sheets of PCT Search Report performed by EPO.
- 9. 8 sheets of International Preliminary Examination Report including Amended Claims.

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- 10. 4 sheets of executed Assignment along with 1 sheet of Recordation Cover Sheet and a check in the amount of \$40.00.
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